(c) Detailed operational agreement based on the MoU is yet to be finalized on the precise nature of service, accounting and pricing matters.

Connecting Villages with Optical Fibre Cables

†*174. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to connect the villages under Rohuru Telephone Exchange in district Shimla with optical fibre cables, so that all weather facility of telephones is made available to the villages; and

(b) whether Government propose to issue instructions to the Assistant Engineer (Telecom) Rohuru to pay a visit every week for inspection of the telephone exchange, Rohuru and other exchanges connected with it to ensure satisfactory working of the exchange?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) At present, Rohuru Exchange is connected to Shimla through radio system. Work for providing Optical Firbe Cable connectivity to Rohuru Exchange is also in progress and is likely to be completed by 31st March, 2002.

Currently, Rohuru and its associated 26 exchanges are being looked after by SDO, Jubbal in the same SDCA(Short Distance Charging Area). Instructions have been issued to him on 11.2.2002 to visit all exchanges and he has already visited 11 exchanges during the one month period since the orders were issued. He has been further instructed to monitor the Rohuru Exchange and its associated exchanges on a weekly basis and complete inspections of remaining exchanges.

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